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Lehmann K. Li

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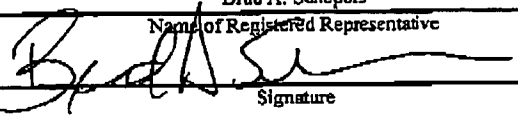
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 29, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated August 13, 2009, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time is filed herewith along with the requisite \$130 extension fee, thereby extending the response deadline to September 13, 2009 (one month from the mailing date of the Advisory Action) Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-19, 21-29, 35-39 and 56-64 were pending in the final Office Action dated April 29, 2009. Claims 14-17, 19, 28, 29, 35-39, 62 and 63 have been allowed. Additionally, claims 57-59 have been objected to, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims currently stand rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.